

# Worksheet 1

very small

## small rainbows

tiny stories to read and  
make for ages 5-9



**Hello!** (and hello grown-up who might be reading this out loud for someone in your house)

Nice to see you. My name's Siân (you say it like 'Sharn') and I love LOVE writing really tiny stories. Sometimes they're only a few sentences long, but they're still long enough to cheer people up. Writing them really cheers me up too, so I thought I would tell you some of the games I like to play to help come up with new ideas. I hope you enjoy them!

*Remember: you don't need to write down your story, if you don't want to. Stories can be spoken out loud (or in your head). They can be told through pictures, through dancing or through your toys acting them out...the most important thing is that you have fun creating brilliant stories.*

### What are tiny stories?

Tiny stories are just stories which are...tiny! They can be just a few words, or could make a wee five minute performance. Think of them like opening the curtains of a window, telling us what you see, and then closing them again.

They can be little snapshots of things you made up, or even of your own life (some stories are true!).

### Ideas for tiny story games!

- Spin around in a circle with your eyes closed, and try and make up a tiny story about the first thing you see when you open your eyes. Maybe the TV wants to be on TV? Does your window want to stop staring all the time?
- Play musical statues, but every time you stop, you have to shout out the next word or two of a story. Try starting with "one day I went to see..."
- If you feel weird telling a story, make a toy tell it to another toy. Maybe you don't have any ideas, but that hippo totally does. What's his dream day?

### Get some inspiration!

I'll be sending out stories every day of June. If you'd like to get some ideas, ask if someone in your house could sign up to [tinyletter.com/SmallSmallRainbows](https://tinyletter.com/SmallSmallRainbows) for free tiny tales.

### Tips for adults: creating stories

Short stories can be a great way of articulating emotions in tricky times: and can be done in very short bursts as concentration spans allow. You could write them down (be the official notetaker), and then re-read them as a bedtime story, or help record tellings on your mobile. Allowing the stories to be repeated and remembered will help add value to them for your young storyteller. But, most importantly, if you're able to be an audience or a reader, you'll help support creativity and will hopefully enjoy it!

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